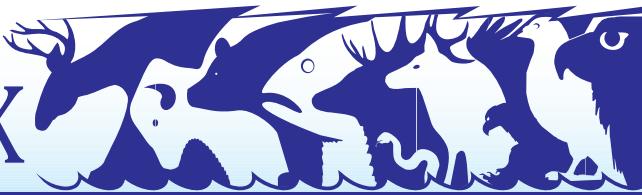


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## David Greendeer named to Tribal Financial Advisors' Tribal Board of Advisors



Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

Tribal Financial Advisors, Inc. (TFA) is an independent investment bank that works with Indian tribes to raise capital and provide financial advising. Their website reads, "We see the world from our Tribal client's point of view and empower them with financial solutions and business foresight to address their financing related needs." It also states they have raised \$15 billion of capital for Tribes since 1995.

On October 31, 2011, TFA announced the formation of its Tribal Board of Advisors. The TFA website reads: the board of advisors is a noteworthy group of tribal leaders who are national proponents of tribal economic sovereignty and tribal organizational leadership from across the country. The board includes Rick Hill, former Chairman of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin; Daniel Tucker, Tribal Chairman of the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation; Tom Rodgers, Blackfeet Nation; Kip Ritchie, Forest County

Potawatomi; Valeria Spicer, Mescalero Apache; and David Greendeer, former Chief Executive Officer of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The TFA website quoted Hill saying, "I have personally handpicked the members of the first Tribal Board of Advisors. I chose people with the highest integrity from different tribes who share my philosophy of promoting tribal economic growth and understand the importance financing decisions have on a tribe's sovereignty."

I asked Greendeer how he was selected. He said, "First off, I was humbled by the request. Rick Hill was the former Chairman of Oneida Nation of Wisconsin while I served under former (Ho-Chunk Nation) President Cleveland. Rick and I established a strong respect for one another during the various GLITC, State of the Tribes, NCAI, etc., meetings. Chairman Hill spotted me and took notice."

Greendeer said Chairman Hill saw him as a "thought leader." He continued, "Although I have not had as much time working in Indian country as the rest of the group, I have vision, skill, resources, and technology insight that compliment the team and our goals of maintaining integrity, having full disclosure, and establishing lifelong trust between the group and tribal nations."

Greendeer believes it will be a hard task to talk to tribes about their finances. He said, "This is perhaps the hardest of all areas to assist a tribe in. Years of hardship, removals, boarding school, social challenges, racism, and mistrust for leadership have made our nations very cautious (sometimes too cautious) to the point where membership and government alike have a hard time establishing trust



Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek, former Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland, former Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Executive Officer David Greendeer.

with outside groups for financing."

Greendeer also said, "From a macro-view, the global economy plays a major role in the federal dollars that are appropriated to the states and tribal governments today. Understanding history is important. The United States economy is a baby compared to other countries that have been in existence for thousands of years. To think that history doesn't repeat itself is absurd. Our future is also our past. For example, as China and India expand their respective GDP (Gross Domestic Product), export abilities, and value against the U.S. dollar; a middle class will be created in those countries. That means less workers and higher salary requirements for workers who were formerly in manufacturing. The costs of manufacturing in those countries will slowly increase, lowering profits for the companies who once relied upon high profit margins and products in those countries. Therefore, it's not too farfetched to see manufacturing return to the U.S. If tribal nations

pay attention, there are multiple opportunities for job creation, acquisitions, joint ventures, development, and training for tribal nation/first nation members. When domestic manufacturing increases, so will the need for more infrastructures (such as roads, bridges, etc.)."

Serving on the Tribal Board of Advisors doesn't take all of Greendeer's time. The group will meet quarterly or as needed for various projects. Since leaving his post, he's spent quality family time with his wife and kids. He said, "When you're involved in tribal government, it's a little challenging to meet the various requests of your family consistently. It becomes a little harder to follow traditional practices as you simply can't be everywhere at once. I guess that is all of us working for our Nation. Every person in every position has had to make a sacrifice of some sort. I'm grateful to each person I worked with the past four years, especially for their sacrifices, prayers, and support. Without everyone's prayers and sacrifices, our Nation

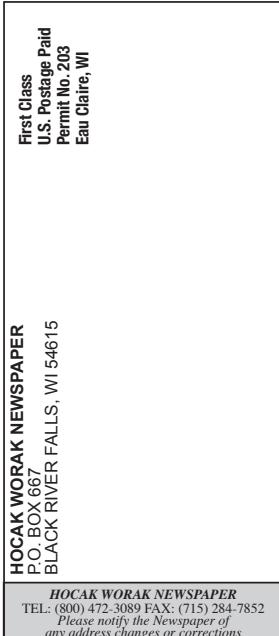
wouldn't be as great as it is today."

About the future, Greendeer said his more immediate plans are to go back to school "to pursue a Masters of Business Management or a doctoral degree in education." He said, "We all have to work for everything we earn. You can never have enough education. You can never think that you know it all. When we think we have all the answers and no longer need to work hard, is when we've failed."

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# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT To the Ho-Chunk People:

For those working in the business and government of our nation, it goes without saying we are in a period where the work levels are high and deadlines for budget and administrative tasks are not so forgiving. While there are no "surprises" in a planned budget year, one task depends on another so a simple delay can halt or slow the giant machine. Fortunately, we are seeing the benefits of qualified and experienced staff coming together and meeting their objectives. I couldn't be more greatful to their dedication as the demands increase. Thank you.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is not a leader in Indian Country for simply our internal administrative processes. We have led on local, state, and national issues and tribes across the country have followed our lead on powerful legislation and government to government relations. We cannot lose our place by taking external issues off the priority list and now couldn't be a better time to

assert our voice and inherent strengths. The threat to our programs, services, funding, and sovereignty are very real and riding on the backs of other organizations won't be enough to preserve and enhance the general welfare for the people of this great nation.

Delegates of the Ho-Chunk Nation recently returned from the annual conference of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). I was joined by Representatives Smith, Littlejohn, Holst, Red Eagle, Weber, and Two Bears along with Executive Director of Health Dr. Alec Thundercloud. Representing our youth was Ms. Danee Walker and Mr. Trenton Littlegeorge with their chaperones and mentors, Ms. Lanette Walker and Mr. Marty Ybarra. I believe we came with the intent to contribute and bring as much home as we could. Ho-Chunk was well represented and represented well. Thanks to those who made the journey on our behalves. I summarized a lengthy series of events in my

conference report available for your review at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com).

With a plan to cut the federal deficit \$1.2-\$1.5 trillion over the next ten years, discretionary items like Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security are placed in the crosshairs by the Super Committee for serious cuts. Much of the funding reserved for tribes across the nation are under deep cuts meaning WE will incur the shortfalls and competition amongst other tribes will further increase. Dr. Thundercloud demonstrated a big voice with the Director of Indian Health Services and that our Nation is prepared to advocate strongly on serious health needs in our communities.

BIA Roads funding is under pressure from larger land-based tribes to change a funding formula which will result in millions lost in the annual allocation. Following a letter I authored to the BIA contrasting the larger land-based tribes' arguments, Representative Greg Littlejohn and I met

with officials at NCAI and are in route to Albuquerque next week to drive our stake in the ground and defend our need to preserve and enhance safe access to our communities. This is anticipated to be a lively discussion.

On August 22, 2011, the BIA sent a letter saying that they will not consider taking Badger Ammunition Plant into trust due to the Bureau's policy on contaminated property. I had the opportunity to meet with the author of that letter despite the Nation's position to not pursue the costly effort of acquiring the property and discuss with him the implications of the agency's decision. I explained that I feel the BIA must be accountable for their failure to advocate on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The discussion was extensive and despite my agreement with the Legislature to focus on other opportunities, I believe no one abandoned the principle that the federal government erred.

In late November, I will be traveling to Washington D.C. with tribal leaders to meet



**Jon Greendeer**

with President Obama and members of his cabinet and staff to reinforce the priorities for the Ho-Chunk Nation and Indian Country.

We will continue to advance our issues on a national level and bring our big voice to President Obama and the United States Congress.

In the service of the Ho-Chunk people,

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*Jon Greendeer  
President of the  
Ho-Chunk Nation*

## *From the desk of Preston Thompson* **Re: Decision to reject land transfer**

I am deeply saddened by the tribal council's recent decision to reject ownership of just over a thousand acres of land located on what was the Badger Army Ammunition Plant, near Baraboo, Wisconsin. The giving back of this land by the United States Government came as a result of almost four years of contentious negotiations between the Ho-Chunk Nation, the General Services Administration and Department of the Army. This lengthy and expensive process included scientific studies and the gathering of oral history among our elders that showed without a doubt that the Ho-Chunk People have significant historical, religious, ceremonial and cultural ties to this area.

The feeling among those that worked so hard to make the transfer possible believed

that the long struggle was and is justified, not so much for current tribal members to enjoy and benefit from, but future generations to come. Our ancestors belonged to this land and future generations do as well. It is my firm opinion that the few elected leaders who made the decision to reject what others worked so long and hard for, is a miscarriage of your roles as government leaders. Minimally, the council should have gathered input from other tribal members. And because of your decision to reject, our children are deprived of what is spiritually and culturally theirs to begin with. Should they not be represented, as well?

No fewer than several dozen tribal members devoted countless hours so that the Ho-Chunk could reclaim their lands. They did so based

on the premise that the oak opening and prairie had been inhabited by their ancestors and their ancestors. It's where life sustaining buffalo once roamed as well as elk, deer and even caribou. The plants that grow there were once used by our people as medicine and food. Therefore, we all have spiritual as well as cultural interests at stake.

To my knowledge, this is the largest contiguous parcel of land ever reclaimed by the Ho-Chunk since it was first occupied by Euro-Americans. In this sense, the transfer was considered a victory for our People of unequalled proportions, particularly in

light of the vast amount of traditional properties that were lost generations ago through treaties with the United States Government.

You should also consider that this giving back of the land was a legacy left by those esteemed elders that participated whole heartedly in the traditional cultural property study in order for the tribe to take ownership of the land. Those whose legacy is being taken from them in their absence include: Mr. Gilman Lincoln, Christine Mann and Donald Blackhawk, of this group of elders only Bernadine Tallmidge is still alive.

Others and myself believe that the council's decision was done in haste and without due diligence regarding the best interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation and all its members, and certainly not with future generations in mind. For these reasons, we request that the government's decision be brought to the table and other tribal members be allowed to have input and voice their concerns. In order to make tribal member's interests better known, we will be circulating a petition asking that your decision be overturned.

*Respectfully,  
Preston Thompson*

## Greetings to all tribal members

In a recent posting on the Indian Health Service Directors blog there was a six part series on understanding contract health service. Please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department on the Nation's current contract health services. Please note in the previous publication "the last of the manchus" I did not cite the source and here is the source. The Economist published "Et Tu, Manchu" on October 8, 2011. Please excuse my error as I had sent to the newsletter without the appropriate note.



**Robert Twobears**

## Attention Hunters!

### Dates to Remember:

Bow	September 17 – November 17
Gun	November 19 – January 31, 2012
Antlerless Only	November 19 – November 27
Muzzleloader	December 8 – December 11
	November 28 – December 7

\*Review the 2011 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for additional details.\*\*

2011 HCN Hunting Packets are now available.  
Please contact or stop into the HCN DNR office to get a

### HCN Hunting Policy Revisions Proposed for 2012

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources in cooperation with Department of Justice is revising the Ho-Chunk Nation Hunting Policy. In the event that the proposed, Hunt, Trap, and Gather Act, is approved by legislature a 45 day public comment period will follow. If the Act is adopted, HCN DNR and DOJ plan to implement the Act by white-tail deer hunting season 2012. Please contact the DNR office with any questions.

# Insulin...What's the Big Deal?

By Kathleen Clemons, MS, CES, RCEP

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the introduction of insulin into human use. Its discovery and availability for the treatment of type 1 diabetes was one of the true medical miracles of the 20th century. It was a miracle because the diagnosis for this disease back then was certain death. This is why insulin is a big deal - you cannot live without it. In this article we will explore briefly how insulin works and why it is such an important drug in managing blood sugar and preventing complications.

After carbohydrates (starches and sugars) are eaten, they are broken down into blood sugar (also known as glucose). The glucose then enters the bloodstream to be distributed throughout the body. Beta cells in the pancreas detect the rise in glucose and produce insulin in response. Insulin then travels around in the body signaling cells that it is time to let the glucose in. Insulin is the "key" that opens the "lock" on the cell doors, letting glucose in. Thus, the main job of insulin is to allow blood sugar to enter the cells and provide them and you with energy.

Diabetes develops when the beta cells fail to produce enough insulin to keep levels in a healthy range. In type 1 diabetes, the beta cells are destroyed by the body's own immune system. In type 2 diabetes (most cases of diabetes), cells are resistant to insulin and at first the pancreas puts out more insulin to compensate for this, it is trying to get glucose into the cells. Over time though, the beta cells wear out from overuse and do not produce enough insulin to overcome the high blood glucose.

As you can see insulin is very important in the management of our blood sugar. Most people know that high blood sugar and diabetes do a lot of damage to the body. So why are people so resistant to using insulin? Unfortunately, insulin is viewed with a mix of fear and misunderstanding by people with diabetes. Often insulin is regarded as the treatment option of last resort, years after diagnosis and too late for it to be of any value in preventing complications.

Many view going on insulin as a failure and this simply is not true. Diabetes is a progressive disease but the important point is, it is much more progressive with uncontrolled blood sugar which has the potential to be brought under control with insulin. Starting an insulin regimen is a proactive approach to managing diabetes and preventing complications.

The main objective of this article is to help you reduce your fear of insulin, realize how important it is (you can't live without it) and consider its use if your blood sugar is running high. This applies whether you have been newly diagnosed or have had diabetes for years. Early use of insulin has been shown to help sustain the limited amount of beta cell activity left in a person's pancreas at the time of diagnosis. With insulin, you are giving your beta cells a little vacation and reviving them. Once your beta cells are gone, they are gone. You can help the cells you still have work better by getting those blood sugars down and insulin can do this in a relatively short period of time compared to many oral medications.

There are different recommendations from different organizations on when a person should be started on insulin and they range from an A1c of 9% to 11%. This indicates your blood sugar has been running 210 to 270 on a regular basis. If your blood sugar has been running this high, it is doing serious damage in your body, potentially irreversible damage.

It is time to reassess the unique role of insulin and what a valuable tool it is early in the course of diabetes and for preventing complications. See your doctor and discuss your treatment plan and changes that you can make. Sign up for our Diabetes Basics classes. Contact Tina McArthur or Rachel Montana at 888-685-4422 for more information and how you can live well with diabetes.

Resources: Practical Diabetology, Using insulin for type 2 diabetes, September / October 2011

Diabetes Forecast, Insulin at 90, November 2011



An example of overworked beta cells with out using insulin.

## In an effort to keep our community healthy Flu Vaccine Clinics

Will be offered at the November 2011 District 2 Area Meetings

**Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

**Baraboo, WI**

House of Wellness,  
S2854 White Eagle Road

**Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm

**La Crosse, WI**

Three River House  
724 Main Street

**Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

**Tomah, WI**

Blue Wing Community Center  
320 Epinal Road

**Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

**Madison, WI**

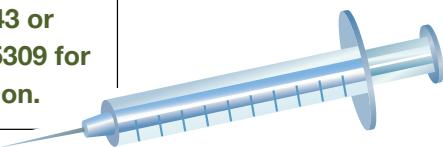
Branch Office  
1320 Mendota Street, Suite 108

Tribal members who plan on getting the flu vaccine MUST bring a PAPER COPY of their driver license and insurance cards (front and back).

**No appointment necessary.**

Call 800.294.9343 or  
715.284.9851 ext: 5309 for  
more information.

The vaccine contains both the flu and H1N1 virus strains.



**Special thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nursing for their partnership in bringing Flu Clinics to the community.**

## Correction

In Issue 20 of the Hocak Worak. I wanted to apologize and definitely wanted to retract, in the story "Ho-Chunks at Hunting Moon" I wrote that Bradford Funmaker is an Army Veteran, Wrong! Bradford is a Proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corp. Urah!



**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Nov. 18th which will be published on Nov. 25th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.**

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# A Fragile Partnership: Ho-Chunk Nation and the School District of Black River Falls

Submitted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education On Thursday, October 27th, Michelle Cloud, Lori Pettibone, Fawn Stumblingbear, and Shelly Severson presented at the 42nd Annual National Indian Education Association conference in Albuquerque, NM. They were there to share the story of how the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Black River Falls School District entered into an historic Memorandum of Understanding that has improved the communication, educational environment, curriculum and other key areas for our Ho-Chunk students attending school in the district.

Interviews were conducted in the early part of October with many key members of the community for both the Nation and the School District: former President Wilfrid Cleveland, Rosalie Brown Thunder, Myrtle Long, Charity Thunder, Tina Boisen, Greg and Valerie Blackdeer, Michelle Greendeer, Barb Blackdeer-Mackenzie, Dennis Richards, Sherri Torkelson and Paul Rykken. Sherman Fummaker served as the group's filmmaker.

The presentation was well-attended, with nearly 100 people attending the session, and the evaluations received from the audience were very good. Participants from

other tribes were interested in the process and asked questions about how they could get similar results from such a process. Others were interested in cultural infusion of the curriculum and about the process of working with and training of District staff.

This presentation will be given again at the Quarterly Meeting between the Nation and the District on December 14th, from 5:30-6:30pm, prior to the District I meeting in the Legislative Conference Room in the Executive Office building. Any tribal member is welcome to attend. Future presentations are also in the works.

What follows is a summary of the information included in the presentation:

Generations of Ho-Chunk children have attended the Black River Falls School District, each generation facing many of the same challenges as the previous one. In 2007, one group of parents had reached the point where they wanted the circumstances that were affecting their students' success to change. In 2010, parents of Ho-Chunk students, along with the Ho-Chunk Nation, established a Memorandum of Understanding with the District to allow restructuring of the Title VII program, infusing Native culture into the curriculum, training district staff in raising their level of cultural competency, and promoting positive perceptions.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Department, Education Department, parents and Black River Falls School District administrators met beginning October 25, 2007. This effort was mediated by the Federal Department of Justice Mediator, Kenneth Bergeron.

The formalization of the mediation process became necessary as all parties had unsuccessfully tried to initiate the process for positive change in the past. Each player came to the table viewing the concerns



**NIEA Presenters – Shelly Severson, Michelle Cloud, Fawn Stumblingbear and Lori Pettibone**

through their own lens; the mistrust and lack of faith that things would improve were prohibitive to positive discussions. Though the meetings were emotionally charged, the key issues surrounding playground, busing and curriculum were what brought people back to the negotiating table. After many long, intense discussions, all eventually and mutually agreed they needed to come to some understanding to work towards the benefit of Native American students.

Provisions of the Memorandum of

Understanding include: tribal social service interventions, cultural sensitivity and tribal sovereignty training; Indian Child Welfare Act; Ho-Chunk Nation Children and Families Act; this MOU; and tribal enrollment rights. In addition, the agreement included provisions that: a) the district specifically provide notice of employment opportunities to the Nation; b) Act 31 training (Wisconsin's requirement to teach about Wisconsin tribes); and c) disciplinary alternatives. Through formal and informal discussion, noticeable changes have taken root in the areas of

attendance, participation, test scores, and a sense of empowerment.

The MOU was signed on January 14, 2010. The signing was not the end of the conversation, but instead, laid the groundwork to empower students, families and the entire community. This is a story of resilience and hope; persistence in working through the issues to heal old wounds and begin anew; and teamwork that all in our school community are willing to support one another in order to help our kids succeed.



**NIEA Fragile Partnership door sign.**



**The session was nearly full with almost 100 people attending**

## Homebuyer Education

**Have you ever thought about buying a home?**



**Does the idea of a mortgage scare you?**

**Date** Weds November 30, 2011

Thurs December 1, 2011

**Time** 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m..

**Location** HCN La Crosse Branch Office

724 Main St La Crosse, WI

**Sponsors** HHCDA & NHS of Richland Co.

**Join Us!** Homebuyer Education can help reduce the stress & confusion of buying a home.

It is a great place to start if you're considering buying a home & are not quite ready.

Come & Learn about Down Payment Assistance Programs.

Snacks, Dinner will be provided!

Hurry and call for a reservation!

**Contact Name**

Winona Mann  
(608) 374-1245

# Cloud sworn in as Seat 1 District III Legislator

**Sanford LittleEagle**  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday November 9, 2011 Heather Cloud was Sworn In as District III Legislator, by winning a runoff election against Myrna Thompson for the seat left vacant by the resignation of Elena Terry. I think what will make this the most memorable is the weather; it was snowing pretty good, leaving road conditions less than desirable. But for those who were not about to let snow get in the way seeing Cloud take office, it was well worth weathering the storm.

After emcee Lance Long had greeted everyone, he called upon Cloud Boy to sing the Grand Entry Song as the Andrew BlackHawk Post 129 carried in the Eagle Staff and Color; Cloud Boy then rendered the Flag Song. Chief Clayton Wineshiek was asked to offer a word of prayer for the Ceremony and he did speaking to the Mauna in Hoocak.

Vice President Greg Blackdeer approached the podium to say a few words on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Blackdeer said, "We

(Legislative body) have been waiting for some time to become a full governing body, I would like to congratulate Heather on her recent election and I graciously welcome her."

Long introduced the Chair of the Election Board Judy Whitehorse, as Whitehorse walked up, Heather Cloud was also asked to come up to the podium. Whitehorse thanked RADD and the Election Board and their families for another successful election and then Whitehorse gave the Oath of Office, as Cloud raised her hand and swore to uphold the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Cloud, a mother of two girls, ages 4 and 5 years old; is also a member of the U.S. Navy. Heather recently worked in the IT field at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. She is the daughter of John and Monica Cloud; her grandparents were the late Edward & Ruth Cloud and Raymond & Leona (Greengrass) McKee. Heather has three brothers Sheridan, Collin, and John III, and two sisters Marvel and Tasheena Cloud who is currently in the



Election Board Chair Judy Whitehorse administers the oath of office to the new District 3 Legislator Heather Cloud.

US Navy as well.

District Representative III Cloud took to the podium as she was given a Pendleton Blanket wrapped around her by Dist III Election Board member Cynthia Tack. "Thank you to the Creator, Give you all the Praise and Glory. My interests are the welfare of our Nation, our Sovereignty, and our future generations just to name a few; as we have all overcome struggles and hardships as individuals, the same could be said of our Nation. Let us not forget our humble beginnings and the prayers that our ancestors said on our behalf. It is on those prayers that we reap the benefits today. We must keep this in mind as we move forward because we need to remember what our elders wanted for us and that we can honor the amazing legacy they left in our hands to continue on."

Election Facts

- The financial figures for this election with the Special and Runoff election cost over \$130,000.00
- Representative Cloud is one of four Legislators who have both Ho-Chunk



Rep. Cloud and supporters dance during her Honor song as Cloud Boy renders the Navy Song.



District III Representative Heather Cloud addressing the people and giving thanks.

enrolled parents out of our current 13 Legislators

- At 33, Representative Cloud is the youngest ever to sit as a Legislator
- Cloud was Elected in the requirement era of a 4yr BA Degree, which she possesses

Believing age is not a factor, once again the people have spoken. They have selected Ms. Cloud and she will finish the term of Seat 1 District III Representative.

In closing at the podium,

Legislator Cloud said, "There were many supporters who advocated on my behalf. I would like to thank those individuals and the voters for having confidence in my capabilities. I promise to do the best I can in this capacity on behalf of all the Ho-Chunk people."

## Treasurer SANDRA GLEASON

**Ho-Chunk Name:**

Niasgacwiga

**Job Title:** Treasurer

**Department Goals & Objectives:**

- Provide accurate financial reports in a timely manner
- Increase customer service levels
- Effective and timely communication
- Increase protection of the Nation's assets to include monitoring and reporting of

financial securities.

**Reason you pursued a Higher Education:**

The reason I pursued higher education was to support myself and my children as a single parent.

**Past Accomplishments:**

A past accomplishment that I am particularly grateful for is getting to know the Nation's Elders while working at the Tribal Aging Unit.

Elders have a wealth of

knowledge to share with the younger generation about life's most important lessons. I have listened closely and taken their advice to heart.

**How are you going to help Ho-Chunk members grow & develop their job skills?**

I will work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education and Labor to identify qualified Ho-Chunk tribal members that may be interested in accounting and

finance positions. In addition, financial education of the Nation's youth will continue and hopefully encourage accounting and finance career opportunities.

**How will you help the Legislators with district concerns?**

Legislator's district concerns will be handled as quickly as possible. Treasury information will be provided to the Legislator and/or tribal

member as permitted by law.

**How do you feel you can make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger in this position?**

I believe that the Nation can become stronger with a concerted effort of communication, cooperation, and coordination. That is the mindset that I bring to treasury.

# The growing HCN Police Department

Marlon WhiteEagle, Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department turned one year old on September 23, 2011. That date marks the swearing in of our first Chief of Police, Dan Libke. At that time, the Law Enforcement Commissioner, Carson Funmaker, said establishing the police department would help "to protect our sovereignty" and keep our communities safe. Former Chief Judge of the Trial Court, Todd Matha, also added that having a police department would allow the Ho-Chunk Nation to "exercise criminal jurisdiction of tribal members." Also from that historic day, Chief Libke said, "we can have our own laws enforced."

Earlier this year, Libke graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Chippewa Valley Technical College to become a sworn law enforcement officer for the state of Wisconsin. In a May 11, 2011 interview with the Jackson County Chronicle, Chief Libke was quoted saying the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department "plans to be ready" to patrol by "Labor Day weekend powwow." Labor Day came and went, with no patrols in sight. For this article, Chief Libke said, "I was previously quoted saying the department wouldn't patrol until a year and a half to two years out; that was more accurate." The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department is now a recognized law enforcement agency in Wisconsin.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department was referred to in a recent Shawano Leader article, Ho-Chunk patrol coverage at risk. The article explained that the Ho-Chunk Nation is requesting Shawano County to begin enforcing tribal ordinances and to have domestic violence charges directed to Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. The Ho-Chunk Nation has an existing county-tribal law agreement with Shawano County. Similar agreements are in place with Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, Sauk, and Wood counties. These agreements are renewed annually. Shawano County officials are concerned with other county municipalities requesting their ordinances be enforced and a long commute to the tribal courts in Black River Falls.

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Attorney, Rebecca Maki said, "We are not asking for more, but asking for information to be referred," to the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department. She said Shawano County receives grant money to do patrols. Maki added that "a compromise has been reached" and Shawano County deputies could appear by phone instead of driving to Black River Falls for court.

Most recently, the police department purchased two patrol vehicles from Portage County. Chief Libke said, "One of the vehicles was \$4,500.00 and the other vehicle was \$4,000.00." He continued, "I'm working with Donald Greengrass and Shelly Lamp to get the vehicles painted." With help from Jackson County Sheriff's Department, they will be donating squad car computers.

The police department applied for a COPS grant, but was not awarded due to lack of statistical information such as number of arrests and citations issued, among many other reasons. Chief Libke said, "We would have had SUVs (if we were awarded the grant.)"

The police department now has a budget within the Department of Justice. It also received a HUD Grant for \$600,000.00 to construct a Law Enforcement Center. Chief Libke said, "We've been working with the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department" on applying for the grant. He said the Law Enforcement Center would house the police department and the "Child Support Agency", but additional funds would be needed to get construction underway. The grant requires matching funds so an additional \$600,000.00 to \$2 million request may be made to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.

When asked about the location, Chief Libke said, "It would be built next to



CaraLee Murphy, Law Enforcement Administrator; Dan Libke, Chief of Police; Rebecca Maki, Tribal Attorney.

the Tribal Court Building." No holding cells are planned; the arrested would be handed over to Jackson County for holding. The planning team consists of Attorney General Sheila Corbine, a member of the Office of the President staff, the Planning Department's Nancy Watenphul and Luke Georgeson, Dennis Funmaker of Traditional Court, and the Police Department staff.

The Legislature's Administration Committee approved a job description (HCN Law Enforcement Officer) for full-time work in April 2011. Chief Libke said the posting should be listed soon and will be for the Jackson County area; it will not be "24/7" coverage.

The Ho-Chunk Nation does have a civil code and some ordinances in place, but no criminal code. The Legislature will have to adopt State laws or create Ho-Chunk specific laws that will have to be updated and modified. Chief Libke reports that his first citation was for an animal control ordinance infraction.

Other examples of Ho-Chunk Nation ordinances include: juvenile curfew, ATV, Elder Protection, Crimes against Elected Officials, even one for Alternate Side Parking. Libke said, "Ho-Chunk Village (the only enforced area) is subject to alternate side parking (for winter months)." All Codes in effect can be accessed at the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature's web page.

CaraLee Murphy, the Law Enforcement Office Administrator said, "There are no shortcuts in public safety." She continued with, "(tribal) people need to know that we are starting at the bottom. The law enforcement agencies we are working with say they never had to handle something like this (starting from nothing)."

Chief of Police Libke and CaraLee Murphy are available for questions at (715) 284-9343 ext. 3433. The Law Enforcement Commission holds monthly and quarterly meetings, with the six counties present at the quarterly meetings. The monthly meetings are held at the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency office in Tomah on the first Thursday of each month. The next quarterly meeting will be held February 2 at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa.

## Judge Rockman returns to UW-Madison as an Adjunct Professor

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

Judge Amanda Rockman graduated from UW-Madison Law School in 2005. Fifteen months later, after working as a Staff Attorney in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Courts and Department of Justice, she was appointed to judgeship. The appointment made her one of the youngest judges in the U.S. Now on her second appointment, and serving as Interim Chief Judge, Rockman can add Adjunct Professor to her list of titles.

The Judge is teaching at the UW-Madison Law

School; Federal Law and Indian Tribes (Fall 2011) and Advanced Federal Law and Indian Tribes (Spring 2012). The opportunity presented itself while she was attending the Federal Indian Bar Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico in April 2011. She said her former professor, Professor Monette, indicated that he would be a visiting professor at Kansas University for the 2011-2012 school year. After sharing the news with former classmates, they agreed "it would be a shame for UW to not have Indian law for an entire year." Rockman contacted the

Dear upon her return from New Mexico to inquire about an adjunct position and he said, "She'd be a great fit for Wisconsin's Law in Action approach."

Judge Rockman explains her return to UW-Madison Law School wouldn't be possible without the opportunity provide by the Ho-Chunk Nation. She said, "I owe in large part to my experience (gained by working) with the Ho-Chunk Nation." She said she particularly enjoys "teaching a diverse population of traditional and non-traditional students, with a wide variety of educational backgrounds and experience, on the unique principles regarding the federal-trust relationship; the interplay among federal, state, and tribal jurisdictions; and tribal sovereignty." She continues to say, "By examining the source and scope of federal, state, and tribal authority in Indian Country, the students gain an understanding of the basic underpinnings of Federal Indian law."

Rockman was a recipient of the now defunct Josephine P. WhiteEagle Fellowship. The fellowship covered all the cost of graduate school (including tuition, books, living and child care expenses). The fellows were required to return to the Ho-Chunk Nation and work in their field of study for the amount of years they studied. Rockman was in the process of meeting this requirement when she was appointed to judgeship.

On recollecting her law school days, Rockman said, "I had to juggle multiple classes and learn how and if they related to each other. I enjoyed a majority of my classes, spanning everything from Tort Law to Advanced Indian Law." She received an award for earning the "Highest Grade" in Indian law, which solidified her desire to work in Indian law.

Also while serving as Judge, Rockman was selected by the Wisconsin Alumni Association to receive the Forward Under Forty award in 2008, which is giving to UW grads under age 40 who



Judge Rockman teaches law school at UW-Madison.



Ho-Chunk Nation, Interim Chief Judge Amanda Rockman.

are making an impact on the world by living the Wisconsin Idea. In 2009, Rockman was named an Up & Coming Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal. She currently serves at the President of Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, and the Secretary of the National American Indian Court Judges Association.

# HO-CHUNK DAY

**NOVEMBER 25, 2011**

**Cex Haci Community Building**

**Nekoosa, WI**

**Registration begins at 9:00 AM**

**Brunch at 10:30 AM**

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**SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**Cynthia Yellowcloud, Plaintiff(s), v. Stacee Sky, Defendant(s).**  
Case No.: CV 11-73

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Stacee Sky

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can result in a default judgment being entered against you*. *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**La Crosse County, Petitioner, v. Shelby Wesho, Respondent.**  
Case No.: CS 11-62

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Shelby Wesho

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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**SUMMONS**

(Second Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**State of WI., Petitioner, v. Rachel Mendoza, Respondent.**  
Case No.: CS 11-59

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Rachel Mendoza

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**SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**State of WI. & Eau Claire County, Petitioner, v. Adam Greendeer, Respondent.**  
Case No.: CS 11-61

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Adam Greendeer

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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# Ho-Chunk Warriors: Profiles

## Matthew Carriaga

**What branch of the military did you serve in and what rank did you achieve?**

I served under the United States Marine Corps and my highest rank achieved was Corporal (E-4).

**Why did you join and why this branch?**

I joined because I felt it was the right thing to do at the time, I had just turned 17 and had not figured out what my calling was just yet. I decided on the Marines because I heard it was the most challenging.

**What was your training like? What was your primary job?**

Boot Camp was an experience, one that I would not wish on anyone. It has changed a lot since I've stepped on those yellow footprints, but they still get the job done. They broke you down physically and mentally, but upon that broken foundation they built you back up in their image. Once I graduated I stayed in California for further training until finally being sent to North Carolina for my

training on my primary MOS. My primary MOS consisted of a lot of things, we mostly dealt with external lifts involving helicopters from all branches. We also coordinated and ran mostly all port, rail, and air operations on the west coast.

**What is the most important lesson you learn from military service?**

The most important lesson I learned was in order to lead, you must first know how to follow. And as every enlisted Marine we all start from the bottom as a Private. So every time I stood at parade rest for a senior Marine, I knew he earned that rank and went thru everything I had been thru. Probably worse.

**What is your best/favorite memory of your time in service?**

My most favorite memory was probably the day I graduated Boot Camp. I was the youngest in my Company and at that time the youngest in the whole Marine Corps. I wasn't expecting anyone to show up, but somehow my mother made the trip. In the end it was all worth it seeing the smile on her face.

**What does Veteran's Day mean to you?**

Whenever Veteran's Day comes around I always remember back to when I was overseas. I was in Iraq when I turned 19 and in Afghanistan when I turned 20. Thankfully I never missed a Christmas. Point is when this day comes to mind I feel for all our current service members that are doing their duty and unable to spend their birthdays, graduations, weddings, funerals with their loved ones. We all, as civilians, take so much for granted for instants: running water, electricity, simply being able to pick up the phone and talk to just about any loved one you want. Simple things like this you appreciate a lot more after you spend all that time overseas. If it wasn't for these men and women putting their lives on the line on the daily we wouldn't have these to take granted for.

**What words of advice would you share with a tribal member thinking about joining the branch of service you joined?**

The Marine Corps is what



you make of it. You're going to get the opportunity to meet all kinds of people with different beliefs and back rounds. You're going to given the opportunity to see and be part of something bigger than you'll ever be. It is not for everyone, but when you become a Marine you're joining a brotherhood that's been kicking down doors since 1775, you're joining

the biggest and baddest gang in the world. No one is promising you roses, enjoy your "libo" but don't act like a boot. Stay motivated and learn how to clean a room pretty good and learn how to 'skate'. And just because the phrase 'working party' has the word party in it, don't expect cake and ice cream.

SEMPER FIDELIS, CPL CARRIAGA, M.S.



**What branch of the military did you serve in and what rank did you achieve?**

US Army, I am currently an E4 (Specialist), promotable, in the Reserves.

**Why did you join and why this branch?**

I joined for many reasons, joining the military is something that I always wanted to do. In 2006 when I became a single mother I saw opportunity to do so. Joining had many benefits for me at the time. So I figured why not

## Kelly Medina

try to join the Marine Corps, unfortunately I was unable to due to the fact that I was a single mom. So the recruiter walked me down the hall to the Army recruiting station and I enlisted. I also did this so my children, nephews and niece would have someone to look up to. (They can look up to me because I took the time) to serve and protect my country proudly. (Also because I) do my part in giving back to my country.

**What was your training like? What was your primary job?**

In all honesty, the training was kind of hard. I went from being a housewife to a soldier in the US Army. But I quickly adjusted and adapted to the military life. When I enlisted, my MOS was 21J (Equipment

operator). Now I am a 12k (plumber).

**What is the most important lesson you learn from military service?**

There really isn't just one important lesson that I learned, there are many that I have learned. But what comes to mind are the Army values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage. Every day, I have to think about these and use them in my life because in uniform, or not, I am a soldier.

**What is your best/favorite memory of your time in service?**

My time spent overseas.

**What does Veteran's Day mean to you?**

It means a lot to me, but most importantly it's a day to

remember and be thankful to all the warriors (soldiers) that have made that sacrifice for our country. (It is a) sacrifice to serve.

**What words of advice would you share with a tribal member thinking about joining the branch of service you joined?**

If you're thinking about doing it, don't hesitate, just do it. It will be worth it, the memories, lessons, the different places you will see, people you will meet. Most importantly, (you will) know the feeling of knowing that you made that sacrifice and contributed to protecting our land. It's a really good feeling that really can't be explained. Well, at least for me.

## Jamie Schuler

**What branch of the military did you serve in and what rank did you achieve?**

United States Air Force. Senior Airman

**Why did you join and why this branch?**

I wanted to fly and be a part of combat.

**What was your training like? What was your primary job?**

Training took a year to train and only two weeks later to deploy. My primary job was an aerial gunner.

**What is the most important lesson you learn from military service?**

The most important lesson I learned was you do not work alone you have a team/crew that works with you and when everyone deploys they become your family. (Your team will become) a family that you will share memories with and will never forget.

**What is your best/favorite memory of your time in service?**

My favorite memory was on two of my deployments

my crew missed Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, but we came together and were able to celebrate all of the holidays together as a family.

**What does Veteran's Day mean to you?**

Veterans Day is a day to celebrate the men and women who have served in the military and defended our country. It is a day for recognition for the sacrifice the men and women made that all veterans deserve.

**What words of advice would you share with a tribal member thinking about joining the branch of service you joined?**

Wait and be patient to get the career choice you want. Do not go in open general.



## Kathleen J. LaMere

What branch of the military did you serve in and what rank did you achieve?

US Navy from May 1988-Oct 2005. E-4.

Why did you join and why



this branch?

I joined the Navy because my Dad was a WWII Navy veteran. I wanted to do something different and travel, too.

What was your training like? What was your primary job?

After boot camp, I went to Service School Command in Orlando, FL for Torpedoman's "A" School to learn about different types of torpedoes, missiles, and ordinance. My first tour I was stationed at Subbase Pearl Harbor MK 48 IMA Facility. My primary job was in the Logistics Department and I also helped with loading/unloading torpedoes from submarines. I re-enlisted on Pearl Harbor's USS Arizona Memorial. I continued on with Torpedoman's "C" school back in Orlando

and attended a Tomahawk Cruise Missile course which I graduated top of my class (since I was the only student in it at the time). My second tour brought me back to Hawaii's Naval Magazine Lualualei West Loch Branch. I worked at the MK 46 Torpedo Shop in the Engine Maintenance department where we built/tore down torpedo engines and handled ordinance. I also worked at a Missile Shop where I was the Training instructor for Harpoon and Tomahawk Missiles.

What is the most important lesson you learn from military service?

Teamwork

What is your best/favorite memory of your time in service?

There are too many memories to focus on just



one but what I will remember the most is the lifelong friendships I made while I was in.

What does Veteran's Day mean to you?

It's honoring all those that have served and are currently serving in the military.

What words of advice would you share with a tribal member thinking about joining the branch of service you joined?

Do it! It's an enormous change in your life but it's definitely worth it.

## Jessica Clark

What branch of the military did you serve in and what rank did you achieve?

I joined the United States Marines, and made the rank of Sergeant.

Why did you join and why this branch?

I wanted to get out of the state and see what else was out there for me. I knew enough of myself that I wouldn't do well if I went to college, so I looked to the military. When I decided to join the Marines I did not realize the magnitude of that decision. I eliminated each of the other services in my mind for one reason or another and chose to be part of the elite.

What was your training like? What was your primary job?

Basic training was quite a shock to say the least. Being very athletic in High School and support from my family

helped me a lot. There was a lot of being yelled at, ordered around and being made to do a lot of physically demanding drills. It was a new way of life that was challenging and rewarding. The primary job I had in the Marines was Airframes and Hydraulics Mechanic on the UH-1N Hueys and Cobras.

What is the most important lesson you learn from military service?

When you have to carry out a task, do it to the best of your ability using all the resources you have.

What is your best/favorite memory of your time in service?

I have a few, but my favorite memories are of the friends I made while in the Marines and the comradery (we shared). (I liked) listening to the sound of helicopter blades hovering over the flight deck as if it was a heartbeat. (I also

liked) overcoming that hump in the middle of a three mile run and getting that extra kick to finish strong.

What does Veteran's Day mean to you?

(It gives me) a feeling of sorrow, appreciation, and awe. Men and women around our great United States, under the true God of this world, have taken a stand and have been prepared to follow through their orders no matter the outcome. Jesus died for our souls and the American military person has been prepared to die for our flag. That is nothing short of selflessness, and deserves much admiration and honor.

What words of advice would you share with a tribal member thinking about joining the branch of service you joined?

Well, if someone was considering joining the Marines, that person must be



one outstanding individual or wants to be one outstanding individual to say the least. The Marines are hands down the ones you want by your side and the ones you want to have your back. They are quite simply the best of the best. I believe that so much, I married one....oorah!

## THANKS TO OUR TROOPS ON VETERANS DAY!

Subject: DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits For Vets

### DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits For Vets

DD FORM 214 -- EXTRA SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT for those with active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001

See the web site & notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits.

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001, and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has.

Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there.

Regional Resource Coordinator

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans Project State of Maryland- Southern Region  
Human Services Partnership Building La Plata, Maryland 2064

# Halloween at Ahuco

**Sanford LittleEagle**  
Staff Writer

It was a dark and gloomy night, light rain still sprinkling the car window as I pulled in to the dark Blue Wing Village, but inside the community building was a friendly ghost, the Addams family, a Per-



Cap Check and a cute lil' Tinkerbell fluttering about.

On October 28, the Tomah area came out again to hold a community Halloween party.

Oh My Gosh there was so much food! Penny Ybarra's frybread and blanket dogs were my favorite of the night! There were so many dishes to choose from, all I heard upon every person who came in to the Hall was, "Go Eat! Did you eat? Eat!" So we all did.

After much socializing, Marty Ybarra was there to cut everyone off and get the night rolling. The Thundercloud drum was there to render the Thank You song. Then it was serious business, it was all about the costume party. The Trick-or-Treaters were divided into age groups and

danced to the drum for their category. In one age group there was a Per-Cap Check dressed up and out there dancing, she was so funny and cute and wishful thinking all in one costume. It was so adorable to see that little wiha-check scrub and bob around there.

The adults danced too; there were no sightings of Wa-Na-Xii-Res (Ghosts) but there was a very voluptuous Indian Maiden Dancer and the first Indian SpongeBob Square Aprons I have ever seen. While the Maiden scrubbed harder than anyone has ever



scrubbed before, she had fun teasing the singers as they

sang for her category. She danced up on the backs of the singers playing to the audience's laughter. It was hilarious to watch the Maiden scrub it out against Gomez Addams and Ol' Square Aprons.

Winners received gift cards. All in all it was a fun night of singing and watching the party goers dance Indian in their Halloween costumes and the kinship and safety of having the kids there with their families laughing, eating, and having a good night as the area prepared candy bags for all the little ghouls and a few of the singers too.



## Youth Services throws all area Halloween bash

**Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor**

How did you celebrate Halloween? Was it going to a haunted house with pitch darkness or participating in a pumpkin carving contest? Well on October 28, an all area Halloween party was hosted for the youth at the House of Wellness with games, door prizes, food, and a costume contest for ages 0-18; the time of year when you can be your scariest whether it's in costume or not.

In the safe, well-lit House of Wellness (besides the smoke machine that made things a bit foggy), youth received candy and an entry to win one of six door prizes which included: a Family board game night pack, a movie night pack, a Packer teddy with throw and large packer hoody, a DVD player Family night pack, an ipod pack, or a Wii.

Youth Services and Family Services put on the

party and invited all area youth groups to participate in this year's Halloween bash. Of course a party couldn't be a party without music. "The Duck" Ron Mallory brought his crew, Bear Claw Jr., to sing for the evening's event and they did an awesome job. As they began singing, the dance arena quickly filled up with children in ghoulish attire dancing on beat, some offbeat, and some running in circles.

It was nice to see so many familiar faces and how many were in attendance having a good time (even with another Halloween party taking place in Tomah).

This year's emcee was Leonard Walker and this was his first go-around as an emcee. He said, "I really appreciated coming onto your turf and taking this opportunity to be your emcee." Walker made mention to the late Alvin Cloud and his jiji, the late

Wanahey...both of whom were great emcees in their days. Walker said he's been asked to emcee for past events but has always declined because he was once told that he needed permission; so with Lance Long's permission, he took the role of emcee that night and did a great job keeping the show moving and getting all the kids on the road in timely fashion!

With another Halloween that has come and gone, the excitement usually lasts a bit longer thinking of what to be next year. Yes, the adults too. So with that said, the best advice I can give to you is to brush your teeth because you know you will be enjoying a lot of candy received from trick-or-treating, which is good advice for the young ones and their moms and dads who will be helping take care of all those sweets. We all need to avoid any future cavities (or to make the ones you already have worse).



1) Parents show support and have fun dressing up and dancing for the night. 2) Ages 13-18 costume winners: (L-R) Terrence Cleveland (1st) and Courage Cleveland (2nd). Not pictured: Raye Mendoza (3rd). 3) Ages 0-6 costume winners: (L-R) Razinak Nakai (1st), Lincoln Montelongo (2nd), and Solae Standley (3rd). 4) Ages 7-12 costume winners: (L-R) Langston Brown (1st), Lenox Lasley (2nd), and Jesue Gonzales (3rd). 5) Bear Claw Jr. 6) "Eggman" Leonard Walker.

# American Indian versus Native American: A once-heated issue has sorted itself out

Submitted by  
Borgna Brunner

Are the terms American Indian and Native American essentially synonymous, in the same way that the terms black and African American are often used interchangeably? Or is using the term American Indian instead of Native American the equivalent of using Negro instead of black—offensive and anachronistic? Is the insistence on using Native American to the exclusion of all other terms a sign of being doctrinaire?

## Culture Wars

While these were once raging questions in the culture wars, they have now happily sorted themselves out. Over the years, the people whom these words are meant to represent have made their preference clear: the majority of American Indians/Native Americans believe it is acceptable to use either term, or both. Many have also suggested leaving such general terms behind in favor of specific tribal designations. As the publisher and editor of The Navajo Times, the largest Native American-owned weekly newspaper, puts it, "I . . . would rather be known as, 'Tom Arviso Jr., a member of the Navajo tribe,' instead of 'Arviso, a Native American or American Indian.' This gives an authentic description of my heritage, rather than lumping me into a whole race.

## A Medieval Misnomer

As we learned in grade school, Indian was the name Columbus mistakenly applied to the people he encountered when he arrived in what he believed was the "Indies," the medieval name for Asia. Introduced in the 1960s, the term Native American offered a way of eradicating confusion between the indigenous people of the Americas and the indigenous people of India. The term American Indian also served that purpose, but raised other problems: the use of Indian in any form had begun to be seen by some as pejorative.

## Doing Away with Cowboy-and-Indian Stereotypes

Particularly in academic circles, the term Native American became the preferred term of respect, and a remedy for avoiding dehumanizing stereotypes, whether of the bloodthirsty savage or the Tonto-like Noble Savage. For a time, using Native American signaled a progressive and enlightened consciousness, in much the same way that using Asian instead of Oriental does. Use of Indian struck some as out of touch, or worse—a mark of ignorance or bigotry.

## A "Generic Government Term"

But objections to the term Native American also arose. The term struck many as dry and bureaucratic, in much the same way that some dislike the Census Bureau's use of Hispanic as an umbrella term to cover the whole of the U.S.'s diverse Spanish-speaking population. As the Bureau of Indian Affairs elaborates:

*The term, 'Native American,' came into usage in the 1960s to denote the groups served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs: American Indians and Alaska Native (Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska). Later the term also included Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in some Federal programs. It, therefore, came into disfavor among some Indian groups. The preferred term is American Indian.*

*Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.*

Russell Means, the Lakota activist and founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM), has strongly rejected Native American in favor of Indian:

*I abhor the term Native American. It is a generic government term used to describe all the indigenous prisoners of the United States. These are the American Samoans, the Micronesians, the Aleuts, the original Hawaiians, and the erroneously termed Eskimos, who are actually Upiks and Inupiat. And, of course, the American Indian.*

*I prefer the term American Indian because I know its origins . . . As an added distinction the American Indian is the only ethnic group in the United States with the American before our ethnicity . . . We were enslaved as American Indians, we were colonized as American Indians, and we will gain our freedom as American Indians, and then we will call ourselves anything that we choose.*

*"I am an American Indian, Not a Native American!"  
~ statement by Russell Means*

## Peaceful Coexistence

As the American Heritage Book of English Usage points out, "the acceptance of Native American has not brought about the demise of Indian. Unlike Negro, which was quickly stigmatized once black became preferred, Indian never fell out of favor with a large segment of the American population."

Now almost every style and usage guide describes these terms as synonyms that can be used interchangeably. In recent decades, other terms have also come into use, including Amerindian, indigenous people, and Native, expanding the vocabulary for referring to indigenous people of the United States rather than circumscribing it. Many people will no doubt favor one appellation over another—and will have strong reasons for doing so—but such choices are (or should be) no longer accompanied by a sense of righteousness that one term is superior to the other. This simply isn't true.

**"We Will Call Ourselves Any Damn Thing We Choose"**

No doubt the most significant reason that an inclusive attitude toward these terms of identity has developed is their common usage among Native peoples. A 1995 Census Bureau Survey of preferences

for racial and ethnic terminology (there is no more recent survey) indicated that 49% of Native people preferred being called American Indian, 37% preferred Native American, 3.6% preferred "some other term," and 5% had no preference. As the American Heritage Guide to English Usage points out, "the issue has never been particularly divisive between Indians and non-Indians. While generally welcoming the respectful tone of Native American, Indian writers have continued to use the older name at least as often as the newer one."

*The criticism that Indian is hopelessly tainted by the ignorant or romantic stereotypes of popular American culture can be answered, at least in part, by pointing to the continuing use of this term among American Indians themselves. Indeed, Indian authors and those sympathetic to Indian causes often prefer it for its unpretentious familiarity as well as its emotional impact,*

*as in this passage from the Kiowa writer N. Scott Momaday's memoir *The Names* (1976): 'It was about this time that [my mother] began to see herself as an Indian. That dim native heritage became a fascination and a cause for her.'*

*Names and Labels: Social, Racial, and Ethnic Terms: Indian". The American Heritage® Book of English Usage. A Practical and Authoritative Guide to Contemporary English, 1996.*

As Christina Berry, a Cherokee writer and producer of the website All Things Cherokee, counsels:

*In the end, the term you choose to use (as an Indian or non-Indian) is your own personal choice. Very few Indians that I know care either way. The recommended method is to refer to a person by their tribe, if that information is known. The reason is that the Native peoples of North America are incredibly diverse. It would be like referring both a Romanian and an Irishman*

*as European. . . . Whenever possible an Indian would prefer to be called a Cherokee or a Lakota or whichever tribe they belong to. This shows respect because not only are you sensitive to the fact that the terms Indian, American Indian, and Native American are an over simplification of a diverse ethnicity, but you also show that you listened when they told what tribe they belonged to.*

*When you don't know the specific tribe simply use the term which you are most comfortable using. The worst that can happen is that someone might correct you and open the door for a thoughtful debate on the subject of political correctness and its impact on ethnic identity. What matters in the long run is not which term is used but the intention with which it is used.*

*What's in a Name? Indians and Political Correctness*  
by Christina Berry, All Things Cherokee

## The White House Office of the Press Secretary Presidential Proclamation National Native American Heritage Month

### BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

For millennia before Europeans settled in North America, the indigenous peoples of this continent flourished with vibrant cultures and were the original stewards of the land. From generation to generation, they handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions, which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our country today. During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate their importance to our great Nation and our world.

America's journey has been marked both by bright times of progress and dark moments of injustice for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Since the birth of America, they have contributed immeasurably to our country and our heritage, distinguishing themselves as scholars, artists, entrepreneurs, and leaders in all aspects of our society. Native Americans have also served in the United States Armed Forces with honor and distinction, defending the security of our Nation with their lives. Yet, our tribal communities face stark realities, including disproportionately high rates of poverty, unemployment, crime, and disease. These disparities are unacceptable, and we must acknowledge both our history and our current challenges if we are to ensure that all of our children have an equal opportunity to pursue the American dream. From upholding the tribal sovereignty recognized and reaffirmed in our Constitution and laws to strengthening our unique nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration stands firm in fulfilling our Nation's commitments.

Over the past 2 years, we have made important steps towards working as partners with Native Americans to build sustainable and healthy native communities. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act continues to impact the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including through important projects to improve, rebuild, and renovate schools so our children can get the education and skills they will need to compete in the global economy. At last year's White House Tribal Nations Conference, I also announced a new consultation process to improve communication and coordination between the Federal Government and tribal governments.

This year, I was proud to sign the landmark Affordable Care Act, which permanently reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, a cornerstone of health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. This vital legislation will help modernize the Indian health care system and improve health care for 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. To combat the high rates of crime and sexual violence in Native communities, I signed the Tribal Law and Order Act in July to bolster tribal law enforcement and enhance their abilities to prosecute and fight crime more effectively. And, recently, my Administration reached a settlement in a lawsuit brought by Native American farmers against the United States Department of Agriculture that underscores our commitment to treat all our citizens fairly.

As we celebrate the contributions and heritage of Native Americans during this month, we also recommit to supporting tribal self-determination, security, and prosperity for all Native Americans. While we cannot erase the scourges or broken promises of our past, we will move ahead together in writing a new, brighter chapter in our joint history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2010 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 26, 2010, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA



# HOWAH... Do you know any of these individuals??

From time to time, the newsletter staff will come across old pictures and we may post them for a glance back in time.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR MEETING – EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES**  
**BLAVER RIVER FALLS, WI  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Rep. Robert Two Bears at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)  
Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)  
Rep. Susan Weber (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. Jim Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst (10:12 a.m.)  
Rep. Hope Smith (EX)  
District 3 (Vacant)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn (10:33 a.m.)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum is established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Vice President Greg Blackdeer asked for a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to STRIKE the Housing budget decrease and the Home Ownership budget increase from the agenda.

Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **8-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to APPROVE the agenda. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **8-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING MINUTES:** MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to dispense with the reading of the August 31, 2011 Regular Finance Committee meeting minutes as they were ratified at the September 6, 2011 Legislative meeting. Second by V.P. Greg Blackdeer. **8-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORTS:**

**Department of Business Reports**  
The Department of Business staff person was not present to provide the Consolidated Business Summary Report. The Committee addressed the Non-Gaming Reports.

**Non-Gaming / Other Entities ~ Rob Reider**

**Retail Division:** The August report for the Retail Division was reviewed with the Committee. An article on the RYO retailers was distributed and briefly discussed. Rep. Greendeer asked for report on Whitetail Crossing Tomah and Whitetail Crossing Baraboo C-Stores.

**Distribution Center(s) ~ Troy Swallow**

The August report for the Tomah and Lake Delton Distribution Centers were briefly reviewed with the Committee.

Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:12 a.m.

**Class II/III Facility Reports:**

The facility reports for the month of August were submitted to the Committee. Scott Marecek reviewed the Consolidated Business Summary with the Committee.

**Class II/III Marketing Reports ~ Dave Abangan**

Mr. Abangan reviewed the marketing report for the month of August with the Committee. The HCG BRF hotel renovations, the rooms will be soundproof, HCG Tomah added a customer service counter, HCG Nekoosa is having a giant pumpkin festival over the weekend and they will be celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary October 14<sup>th</sup> and will have promotions. HCG Madison parking lot just got refinished they were really busy over the Labor Day weekend and are doing a walk for diabetes on Sunday. HCG Dells is planning their grand opening for the RV Park and working on commercials. Marquee signs should be completed next month.

**Treasury Report ~ Lori Meinking**

**August 2011 Financial update:** The Finance Director reviewed the August 2011 financials with the Committee. She will check on the discrepancy on the Sources and Uses report.

**Tax Update:** The tax update was briefly reviewed with the Committee.

**Investment Portfolio Reports**

**Special Revenue Account (August):** The representative from the Special Revenue Account was not present, the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 10:33 a.m.

**Tribal Aging Advisory Board – TAU** meeting minutes of September

21, 2011 were submitted. The TAU Director was not present. The minutes reflected two requests that need to be addressed by the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the District 2 Elder, Sam Thundercloud, request for payment of emergency furnace in the amount of \$3,242 from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9 - 0 - 1** (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to APPROVE the District 2 Elder, Dennis Fumaker, request for payment of emergency furnace in the amount of \$2,799 from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9 - 0 - 1** (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**HHCDA Request ~ Title VI / Childcare Center funds ~ Mark Butterfield, Paul Tyse**

An updated handout was distributed to the Committee showing the amounts they have requested from two foundations. They have not received notice if their requests have been approved. It was stated that they may be able to pay back the \$202,500 that they are requesting. A five year projection for the facility was submitted showing they may operate at a loss over the five years.

The Montessori school will provide culturally sensitive pre-school instruction for Ho-Chunk and other children from six months to five years, with Ho-Chunk language instruction, infant care, sick and after-school care. Rep. Estebo stated she supports the Montessori school project but the Nation is being put in an awkward situation and the funds for the operation funding should have been secured with better planning and would like them to seek the foundation grants.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the HHCDCA request for the Childcare Center project in the amount of \$202,500 with half from the Youth Assistance Fund and half from the Charitable Contribution line items with the stipulation if they receive the grants that they reimburse the Nation.

Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **6 - 3** (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) - 1 (Rep. Jim Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**City of Nekoosa Payment ~ Mike Murphy, Carol Rollins**

The final invoice from the City of Nekoosa in the amount of \$83,278 has been submitted to the Nation for its share of costs for the wastewater treatment facility upgrades per the agreement that was approved in January 2006.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to APPROVE the final payment for the Nekoosa Wastewater Facility costs to the City of Nekoosa in the amount of \$83,278 from the Government to Government line item, this is to be paid on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **10-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**RFP - Cash Management – Rep. John Holst**

Rep. Holst stated due to an audit finding that an RFP for cash management services was requested at the June 29, 2011 Finance meeting and the draft RFP was brought back to the July 25, 2011 Finance meeting where it was referred to the Financial Examiner and Legislative Counsel for their review. This has been done and has not been addressed since that time.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to APPROVE the Request for Proposals for the Cash Management Services and send the RFP out. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **9-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer out of the room)

**RFP – Audit Services – Rep. John Holst**

The RFP for the audit services was tabled at the April 20, 2011 Finance meeting and to have the Financial Examiner review the RFP. Some concerns were provided on the RFP and Rep. TwoBears asked if those were addressed by the Department of Treasury. Treasury has not addressed the concerns listed in the memo from the Financial Examiner.

President Jon Greendeer stated that they can send out an RFP without Legislative approval. If Legislature requires information that they can be provided with it and there is no need to bureaucratize a simple practice. If the Legislature wants input on the components of the RFP they can and then it can be sent out to those interested parties.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to WITHDRAW the previous

motion approving the RFP for Cash Management Services and request the Department of Treasury bring back the solutions and the incorporation of the recommendations for next month's meeting prior to approval of the RFP.

**MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to DENY the sending out of the RFP under the same terms of the last attempted motion and to give time to the Department of Treasury to respond to the memorandum of questions and concerns and to bring back to the next meeting.

Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **5 - 0 - 5** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HUD Block Grant – Matching Funds/Law Enforcement – Rep. John Holst**

The Law Enforcement Project Grant Funds of \$600,000 was recently approved and requires a match from the Nation of \$2,072,750. The funds are for the construction of a Law Enforcement Center. A resolution was attached that would place the matching funds in a separate account for the project. The plan is to start so construction can start in the spring.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to TABLE the Law Enforcement matching funds item until next month so we can determine the location of funds. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass)

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MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to TABLE the FY 11-12 Vehicle Purchase request – Sheila Corbine

Due to the COPS Grant not being approved, there was a request for two vehicles for \$101,000 and furniture of \$4,500 for the Law Enforcement Department. The request is for a vehicle for the Chief of Police as they currently use their own vehicle and to have the equipment for the vehicle. The grant was denied and noted in the strengths and weaknesses of the grant submission, not enough data about the obstacles, programs, etc.

The immediate request is for one vehicle and they do have funds to hire an additional officer and that was the reason for the second vehicle. They may be able to locate funds if they have to. V.P. Blackdeer asked if a vehicle could be assigned to them.

MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to TABLE the FY 11-12 Vehicle Purchase request until next month. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Investment Portfolio Reports – Todd Anderson**

**Special Revenue Account (August):**

The Investment Portfolio and Income Analysis reports for the month of August were reviewed with the Committee. A recommendation on the portfolio was to have five million of the laddered portfolio invested in mortgage-backed securities. There were questions if this needs approval or if it can be done since the IPS allows for mortgage backed securities. It was suggested to bring this item up next month and if the Committee wants to make that change to discuss it at that time and to adopt by resolution if necessary.

**RECESS:** MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to recess for lunch until 1:15 p.m. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **8 - 0 - 1** (Rep. Susan Weber)

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FY 11-12 Vehicle Purchase Requests – Rep. John Holst**

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)

Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)

Rep. Susan Weber (P)

Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)

Rep. Jim Greendeer (P)

Rep. John Holst (P)

Rep. Hope Smith (1:40 p.m.)

District 3 (Vacant)

Rep. Shelby Visintin (1:31 p.m.)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn (1:21 p.m.)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum is established.

Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 1:21 p.m.

FY 11-12 Elder Home Ownership Budget Request ~ Myra Jo Price, Patti Hanson

MOTION by Rep. Jim Greendeer to APPROVE the Elder Home Ownership Program request for

funds in the amount of \$1,425,000 from the restricted funds. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **9-0-0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment request ~ Rep. Doug Greengrass**

The individuals from the Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment were not present so the Committee moved to the next agenda item. Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives at 1:31 p.m.

**DISTRICT REQUESTS:**

**District 2 – La Crosse – Three Rivers 2012 Pow-wow Request – Rep. Jim Greendeer**

The last two Three Rivers Pow-wows were funded at \$25,000 and the 2012 request is \$34,220. The 2011 Three Rivers pow-wow has been reconciled.

MOTION by Rep. Jim Greendeer to APPROVE the 2012 Three Rivers Pow-wow request in the amount of \$34,220 from the Pow-wow line item. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **5 - 2** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Susan Weber, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

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MOTION by Rep. John Holst to TABLE the FY 11-12 Vehicle Purchase request for an All Area 2 Halloween party, \$5,000 for costume contest for drum groups and participants and \$8,000 for children gifts, food, and decorations from the Charitable Contribution line item. Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN. SECOND CONCURRENCE.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to move in the direction that in lieu of holiday party funds to consider options for the Christmas gift for all youth and to have options of \$50 and \$75 for the next Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **9 - 0 - 2** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Doug Greengrass)

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Thanks giving Pow-wow.

**MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to APPROVE the District 5 St. Paul / Minneapolis request for 25 cases of Ni Si Ni water and a \$500 donation from the HHCDAs contribution line item.**

The individuals from the Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment were not present so the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to TABLE the District 2 HHCDAs concern ~ Melody Fintak, Mark Butterfield**

Tribal member was present and informed the committee of some major flooding issues she had in her HHCDAs home. She has renters insurance and they were unable to cover the personal loss of items.

She was told by the HHCDAs commissioners to go to the Finance Committee. There was lengthy discussion on the issue.

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There was discussion that isn't fair for one area to have a party and if funds are given at Christmas, would this area not be able to get funds as all youth will benefit from this. A previous motion was made in 2010; "to not fund Halloween parties and to consider options of \$50, \$75, and \$100 for the gift to the children for Halloween and Christmas to be distributed prior to Christmas of those children under the age of 19 as of June 15, 2011."

**MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to TABLE the District 2 HHCDAs concern ~ Melody Fintak, Mark Butterfield**

**Ho-Chunk Nation  
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

**WHERE:** SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING -BRF  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS – BARABOO

**WHEN:** EVERY THURSDAY, STARTING OCT. 13<sup>TH</sup>  
12:30 – 1:30 PM

**WHAT:** RECEIVE SUPPORT AND INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE FIVE PROTECTIVE  
PARENTING FACTORS & MORE

**WHAT ELSE:** A DOOR PRIZE EACH WEEK, USEFUL &  
FUN FOR PARENTS

**PLEASE JOIN US -CONTRIBUTE YOUR  
WISDOM**

**Monthly Board Meeting For Ho-Chunk Housing  
and Community Development Agency (HUD)**

**Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM**

HHCDA at Tomah, corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue

Agenda items by noon, November, 17, 2011  
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222

HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251

**ATTENTION  
2011 Tax Document Information  
that may affect you.**

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

- You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available online at: [ho-chunknation.com](http://ho-chunknation.com) under Treasury.
- If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2012 by Feb. 15, 2012.
- Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. Be sure to update your address with the Personnel Department.
- 1099's will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

**There is a \$5.00 charge for EACH COPY  
of the W-2 or 1099-M to be reprinted.**

**It is very important to make sure your  
current address is printed on your payroll  
check, per-cap check or direct deposit  
advice.**



**Attention Ho-Chunk Elders**

**DEJOPE  
ELDER MEAL SITE**

Starting November 1, 2011

**Meals will be offered to all Ho-Chunk Elders  
One meal per day, Monday through Thursday**

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, Gamers Grille Restaurant  
4002 Evan Acres Road, Madison

Meals will be free of charge to Ho-Chunk Elders 60 years of age and older. Required to sign daily log sheet and receipt and show tribal ID. Questions regarding the program can be directed to the TAU Director, Marie Lewis at (715) 284-0811. Questions regarding the menu can be directed to the Senior Food & Beverage Manager, Richard Mann at (888) 248-1777.

*Special thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit for their partnership in sponsoring this meal site and for their efforts in meeting the needs of the outlying elders.*



**How Can  
Section 184  
Help Me?**

**Homeownership in Indian Country**

In 1992, Congress established the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program. The program is designed to offer homeownership and housing rehabilitation opportunities for eligible Native American individuals or families, tribes, and Tribally Designated Entities (including Indian Housing Authorities) on their native lands.

**Section 184 Program Highlights**

- Providing financing of New Construction, Purchase, or Refinancing
- Nationwide program on Tribal trust land, allotted trust, or fee simple land in an Indian operating area
- Single-close for construction and permanent loans
- Low Down Payment
- Flexible Underwriting
- 1% guarantee fee at closing

**Eligibility**

Individuals, Tribes, TDHEs, or IHAs can use the 184 Loan for:

- Acquisition of existing housing
- Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing
- Rehabilitation of existing housing
- Construction of new housing, including manufactured housing affixed to a permanent foundation
- Refinancing

Eligibility is limited to single-family housing (1-4 Units) and fixed-rate loans for thirty years or less. Section 184 cannot be used for commercial structures or with adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). Tribes, TDHEs, or IHAs can obtain funds to develop rental housing or to build single-family homes that are subsequently sold (or assumed) by eligible borrowers.



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# Descendants of Red Arrow



Submitted by Anne Thundercloud

Ho-Chunk members and military personnel gathered for the Veterans Day Pow-wow this past weekend to honor veterans' contributions to the global war on terror. The 34th annual event was held at Volk Field in Camp Douglas.



Pictured above are the winners of the Veterans dance contest; (L-R) 1st place winner Herman Decorah, 2nd place winner Colin Carrimon, 3rd place winner Robert Mann and 4th place winner Jeff Harrison.



Left photo: Ho-Chunk Nation District 2 Legislator Andrea "Pepper" Estebo and her two year-old daughter, Peyton, came out to Volk Field for the celebration honoring our Veterans.

Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 and Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. Marine Corps Detachment bring in the colors at the 34th Annual Veterans Day Pow-wow at Volk Field. This year's pow-wow honored Veterans' contributions to the global war on terrorism.

## SUMMER YOUTH WORKER HORSIN' AROUND!!!

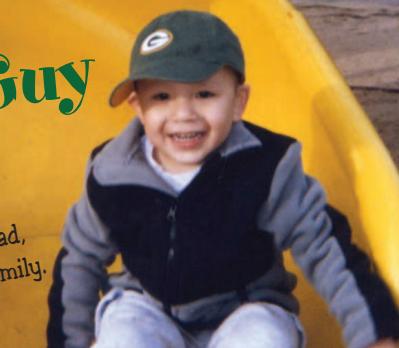
Andrew Crowley of Waukesha, Wisconsin, was found "horsin' around" on the job at Kipp Farms in Loyal, Wisconsin. James and Terri Kipp (owners) were lucky to employ Andy this summer. The 90 acre farm is where they reside with Registered Shropshire Sheep (around 50 head), 19 Registered Belgian and Shire Draft Horses, 1 Quarter Horse, 1 dog, and lots of nice barn cats. There is another 40 acres in Vernon County. Operating the farm, caring for and raising the sheep and horses is a big job – having another person helped tremendously. The sheep and horses are also exhibited at fairs. Andy was able to assist at shows as well. Whether it was the daily care consisting of feeding/watering all the animals twice a day, taking care of the yard, unloading hay, harnessing/holding horses, or the very long show days, Andy played a part and learned a lot. We are especially proud of how he handled himself so comfortably around our big horses (with an average size of 2000 pounds). Those steel toe boots came in handy. We hope Andy enjoyed his summer on the farm, even though it was hard work at times! A HÜGE THANK YOU ANDY ... from Jim, Terri and all the critters at Kipp Farms.



## HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY

Sy Guy

Love Mom, Dad,  
& all your Family.



Marshall Kingston  
Standstraight  
is "3"!!!!



Love Dad, Mom and your Big Brother Keegan,  
Big Sisters Skye Rose and Grayson and  
Little Brother Kenai and the Rest of the Gang!

## November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes Walks were held on November 3 at the District One Community Center in Black River Falls and at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. "About 40 participants registered for the walk; what great support for the event," said Gary Ilminen, RN, Medical Services Coordinator from the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department - HOW Fitness and Aquatics Center.



Supporting the effort on diabetes at the House of Wellness event are (L to R): Rachel Montana, Tracy McReath, Brittany Niemeyer, Amy DeLong, MD, Charlie Davis, and Chris Frederick, all members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health.

# Hjnuk Wacekgik is not wasting High School years

**Sanford LittleEagle**  
Staff Writer

Olivia Steindorf, now a Junior at Alma Center High School is busy, busy, busy. This Hjnuk Wacekgik (Teen Girl) has no time to waste. Olivia is motivated and currently active academically, in the community, and career wise. At 16, this world traveler has been making strides as a teen that will impact her future. There was a previous story about Olivia in the Worak, but this update is not for the squeamish.

Olivia aspires to be a Trauma Surgeon. Far from the TV series, ER's Dr. Elizabeth Corday, Olivia is not opposed to dissecting lab projects in biology. She has experience from attending the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine this last summer, in July while attending the Forum; Olivia was able to pick and choose some different classes.

One class attended, Olivia was taken step by step through a Bypass Surgery and another where she witnessed a Knee Replacement procedure; all observed through a DVD study. She has also examined parts of a cadaver. She definitely is on track to attend

Medical School. First, she must deal with the struggle of every teenager's life; High School.

When she is not working at Castle Hill Restaurant on weekends, Olivia's interests include Music, Volleyball, Track & Field where she runs the 1600, 4 X 4 Relay, Shot Put, & Discus, and Tae Kwon Do where she is in preparation for testing for her 2nd Degree Black Belt. She was the first in her family to join the Martial Arts, and got her dad and brother involved. Olivia said, "Tae Kwon Do has helped her focus, concentration, and has taught her Respect." She uses the principles taught in Tae Kwon Do and applies them to her daily routine. Olivia is a regular teen though; she balances many activities for school and home including babysitting and spending time with her friends.

Olivia has been inducted into the National Honor Society. By maintaining her GPA, being involved in Community Service work (such as volunteering at a local Meal Site), she will have no problem being a proud member of the NHS. Going on Olivia's resume, she is still

a "Volunteer" at Black River Memorial Hospital, and this is her third year as a member of the FCCLA Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

After high school, Olivia plans to attend one of the following schools and would like to Major in Biology either at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dartmouth University, or Northwestern University and eventually be accepted into Medical School.

Olivia has learned that helping people is high on her priority list and enjoys the amount of community service, volunteering, language study, and her strive to become a trauma surgeon. What a great way for a teen to surround themselves with constructive, positive reinforcements.

Olivia is very grateful and thankful to her parents John and Beth Smetana-Steindorf. "Mom has done a lot! She bakes, organizes fundraisers; and Dad drives me everywhere I need to be." Olivia also expressed that she is happy and gives thanks for the financial help and support the Nation has provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O' Malley Program and Pre



**Olivia Steindorf, "a teen who stays on the grind."**

## K-12 Programs.

After meeting Olivia, I thought "What a success." Then I thought back to her parents and what a difference good parenting makes. John and Beth take a bow; you

have raised a strong Hjnuk Wacekgik

"You can have everything in life you want if you'll just help enough other people to get what they want!" – Zig Ziglar

# Martin works to "Recall Walker"

**Sanford LittleEagle**  
Staff Writer

Arvina Martin, a Ho-Chunk Member from Madison, Wisconsin has been hired by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin as the American Indian Outreach Coordinator. Martin was recently working as an intern for the Democratic Party's Communications Office. While they were sad to lose her, they were also happy to gain the right person for the job. Arvina was selected to this position based on her prior work with the Party. "We can always do better and choosing Arvina was the better choice for the job," said Graeme Zielinski Communications Director Democratic Party of Wisconsin

Why Recall Scott Walker? Martin stated, "The effort didn't come from the Democratic Party, it came from citizens who created the group United Wisconsin. It has been a Grass Roots organization with Wisconsin citizens leading the charge and I think that Tribal Members can be just as engaged and get involved and make sure our voices are heard as well."

Martin has not been pleased with the changes that Walker's Administration has made and caught many people off guard. "Primarily there is a trust issue. How can we trust him? Collective Bargaining Rights, cuts to Education, cuts to Medicaid and Badger care. We need to have someone who listens to the citizens of this state and someone who is willing to work with the citizens of this state and dictate to them," Said Martin.

Arvina plans on reaching out to Ho-Chunk Country and said, "The tribes have wanted to remain neutral, officially, so far it has been (me) contacting a lot of individuals and I have contacted a lot of people from our fourteen county areas. If you can only commit an hour or two here and there, that help is needed too."

Martin has goals of recruiting people from each community or reservation by putting people who are really interested and have the time available and getting people who can be a point person so that people in the community know they have a person in their area to contact. Arvina welcomes as many people to join the Recall efforts and is seeking volunteers from each Ho-Chunk Community and is

looking for these point people.

As of right now, when it comes to Voting in Wisconsin, the 11 federally recognized tribes in WI (Ho-Chunk, Ojibwe, Oneida, Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee, and Potawatomi), "May Use" their Tribal Identification Cards to present to Vote. However, they may not use the Tribal ID's to register to Vote. Martin states, "This is a wrinkle in this process." For members who ever get turned away, there are phone numbers that are available at the polling sites. We want to make sure Voter protection and Voter rights are protected. We are going to have people monitoring this Recall Election at the Polls.

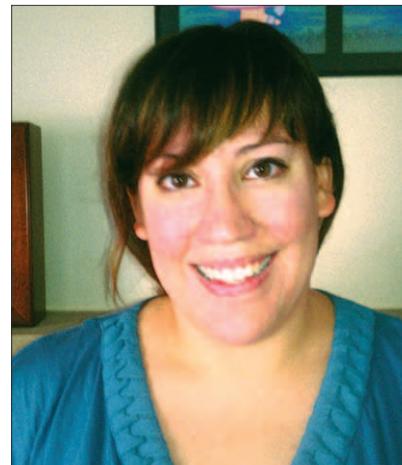
Transportation is always a big deal; Ho-Chunks are so spread out across the state, so once again those point people who can volunteer can and will assist with taking tribal members to the Polls. Arvina really emphasizes the need for people who want to step up and help, need to contact her as soon as possible.

After a Recall in Wisconsin, the Governor (by Wisconsin Law) can raise unregulated, unlimited amounts of Funds to fight the Recall, and Republicans can raise hundreds of Millions to defend Scott Walker's Recall. For example, if Scott Walker is subject to recall, as an incumbent, he can raise unlimited amounts of funds to defend himself and he can receive funds in the millions from lobbyists, corporations, and from a vast amount of donors.

While many of Walker's Department heads have either resigned, or taken jobs in other capacities with the State, there has been an ongoing John Doe investigation. One Walker staff member has been convicted of funneling \$60,000.00 in campaign funds. "When the FBI has battering RAMS knocking down your door, it does not mean there are good things going on," said Graeme Zielinski. I asked Zielinski if Scott Walker is John Doe. Zielinski said "I will leave that up to your readers to make that educated guess."

On November 15, 2011, to start the process for the "Recall of Walker", 540,208 signatures are needed.

Here is some information and links that we talked about:



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Official Recall Website:

<http://www.wisdems.org/RecallHQ>  
Democratic Party of WI-American Indian Caucus:  
<http://www.wisdems.org/about/caucuses/The-American-Indian-Caucus>

<http://twitter.com/WIAmerIndCaucus>

\*\*the facebook page address isn't an easy normal website address, it has a lot of numbers at the end of it, but if you can put down "search for DPW-American Indian Caucus on facebook" that should work.

If you would like to help in these efforts, please send Arvina Martin an email to [arvinam@wisdems.org](mailto:arvinam@wisdems.org).

For more information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/#/pages/Wisconsin-American-Indian-Democratic-Caucus/321967656326>.